

lesbian & gay friends of concordia



Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia^{is the} social organisation for gay and lesbian students at Concordia University. We exist because gay students are still not able to comfortably meet people of the same sex at other regular CUSA-sponsored events; while homophobia exists gay people need their own events to meet new friends or lovers and explore common goals.

Going to University is sometimes a person's first opportunity to "come out" as a gay individual. To those of you who are just taking your sometimes painful first steps, we offer our understanding and support. Everyone goes through the coming out process at his or her own speed, and we are here to help boost self-awareness and confidence during this period. Coming out can never be considered a finished act. Once the door of the closet has been opened, though, things become much easier.

We operate as a collective with a coordinating member, who acts as an interface between the various aspects and activities of LGFC. If there is a project you have thought of which would boost gay awareness and presence on campus, bring it forward! We would be glad to discuss it with you and then put the project into action. Any project which would provide an opportunity for gay people to express themselves as confident and sure human beings and thereby counter some of the irrational biases against homosexuality is within our mandate. So again, our arms are open to new people who want to join our group and help organise things. It can be a very enjoyable experience. It can also be educational, for within the gay community there is a wide range of viewpoints from which we can all benefit.

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Our office is open daily as a drop-in centre for students. You can come in and have a cup of coffee, or tea, eat your lunch, read our periodicals, browse through our modest but interesting library, or just chat with one of our members. So, consider this an invitation to come out to our office and see what being a Gay Concordia student is all about!

Our office is located in room 102 of the "P ANNEX", 2020 Mackay Street (right across from the Hall Building). Our telephone number is 848-7414.

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